

Society

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A CHRONICLE OF EVENTS
WITH SIDE LIGHTS ON THE MEN
AND WOMEN WHO MAKE UP
WASHINGTON'S COMPLEX AND
INTERESTING SOCIAL LIFE

HEADED by the Chief Justice of the United States and Mrs. William Howard Taft, the judiciary turned out in a body last evening for the reception given in their honor by the President and Mrs. Harding. It was the second of the series of state receptions and, since the judiciary is small, many guests from the various circles of official life were included, as well as a large contingent of resident society folk. Numerous persons also came from other cities to be present.

The President and Mrs. Harding first received the Cabinet members and their wives and a few guests from out of town in their private apartments. Promptly at 9:30 o'clock, a trumpet call heralded their coming and they made a stately descent of the flower-decked stairway, followed by members of their official family.

It was a small group this time, since the Vice President and Mrs. Coolidge are out of town and there were absentees among the Cabinet members. The Secretary of State and Mrs. Hughes followed immediately after the President and Mrs. Harding. Then came the Secretary of the Treasury, Mr. Mellon, with Miss Alice Mellon on his arm. The Secretary of War and Mrs. Weeks, the Attorney General, Mr. Daugherty, escorted by an aide; the Secretary of the Navy and Mrs. Denby, and the Secretary of Agriculture and Mrs. Wallace completed the Cabinet group, the Secretary to the Presi-

dent and Mrs. George B. Christian bringing up the rear. Once in the Blue Room, the little procession broke into small groups, a sort of unofficial receiving party to greet the special guests after they had been presented to the President and Mrs. Harding.

Only the Attorney General, representing the department which is most closely in touch with the judiciary, was in the receiving line with the hosts. By a happy coincidence he was celebrating his sixty-second birthday.

THE President and Mrs. Harding had a personal greeting for each person in the throng of guests, frequently holding up the line for a moment for a word with old friends. The First Lady wore a lovely gown of peach-pink chiffon velvet. It was made on simple lines, slightly draped and with a medium length train cut in one with the skirt. The short sleeves were of fine cream lace and the same lace filled in the deep V-shaped décolletage. The gown was guileless of other trimming save for a great ornament of pink chenille which caught the drapery on the bodice and fell almost to the knees. Mrs. Harding wore long white gloves and diamond ornaments, and her slippers and hosiery were of silver.

Mrs. Hughes had on a raspberry velvet gown, severely simple in its lines, with flowing sleeves of raspberry tulle. Mrs. Weeks was gowned in black satin, with long tassels of green chenille hung from the shoulders and caught at the

wrist line with diamond ornaments. She carried a green coque feather fan. Mrs. Denby's black satin frock was trimmed in crystals applied in panels back and front, and Mrs. Wallace wore a gown of blue and black sequins.

Miss Alice Mellon, tall, slim, and straight, wore a chemise frock of heavy white crepe embroidered in crystals and bordered with ermine tails. Miss Margaret Harding, who was with her most of the evening, also wore white. Miss Catherine Hughes, in a gown of bronze sequins, and the Misses Mary and Ruth Wallace, daughters of the Secretary of Agriculture, made an interesting little group. Miss Mary Wallace wore fuchsia georgette, beaded in self color, and Miss Ruth Wallace was in jade green, both colors in effective contrast with their lovely red hair.

THE order of procedure at this reception was much the same as at the diplomatic reception a fortnight ago except that the guests passed at once into the East Room instead of being kept waiting down stairs until the groups of special guests had greeted the President and Mrs. Harding.

The judiciary came together in the state dining room. The Chief Justice of the United States and Mrs. William Howard Taft were the first to be presented to the President and Mrs. Harding, and were followed in turn by the justices of the Supreme Court, with the ladies of their families and the judges of the various other Federal courts in order of precedence.

Mrs. Taft wore a handsome gown of turquoise blue velvet combined with self colored tulle and made with a girde of rose and gold brocade which formed practically the entire bodice. She had on a lovely diamond necklace. Mrs. Mahlon Pitney, wearing a simple gown of peacock green velvet with long ropes of pearls for garniture, was one of the first to be received, her husband following her down the line. Others in the Supreme Court group were Justice and Mrs. Oliver Wendell Holmes, Justice and Mrs. Joseph H. McKenna, Justice and Mrs. Louis Brandeis, who were accompanied by Miss Elizabeth Brandeis, Justice James Clarke McReynolds and Justice John H. Clarke.

ALTHOUGH the diplomats do not attend the other State receptions in a body, as they do the diplomatic receptions, they are invited to all four, and many of them were present last evening. A large group of army and navy officers were also included, with many men and women whose forebears had been in the service, since the military establishment has quite outgrown the army and navy reception and the overflow is being divided between the other three of the series of State functions.

This reception was rather less colorful than the diplomatic reception, nor was there such a display of jewels and gorgeous gowns. However, it was a distinguished, well-dressed assemblage, and a touch of military pomp was added by the



MISS ALICE MELLON, daughter of the Secretary of Agriculture, and Mrs. Wallace, daughter of the Secretary of Agriculture, made an interesting little group.

Swedish journalist and actress, who will give a dramatic recital tomorrow evening at the Art Center, 1106 Connecticut avenue, for the benefit of the permanent work of the International Council for the Reduction of Armament.

olive drab and blue of the army and navy officers present and the full dress uniforms of the large body of aides in attendance. The State drawing rooms were effectively decorated with roses, carnations, roman hyacinths and other spring blossoms. Under the direction of Mrs. Harding, who always personally superintends the decorations, the great mirrors in the Green and Red rooms had been trellised with roses.

The scarlet coats of the Marine Band made a splash of gorgeous color in the corridor across which the long queue of guests wound their way. They headed through the State dining room and the Red Room to the Blue Room, where the receiving party stood, finally breaking ranks in the East Room.

The presentations were made by Capt. Ralston Holmes, alternating with Major Harold Rayner.

THE British Ambassador and Lady Geddes were among the early arrivals and stayed late. The ambassador was in uniform and Lady Geddes wore a gown of fuchsia-colored velvet, with a white fur scarf. Mme. Sze, wife of the Chinese minister, struck a picturesque note in her becoming native dress. Other diplomats present were the Argentine Ambassador and Mme. LeBreton, the Minister of Uruguay and Mme. Varela, the Minister of Bolivia and Mme. Bolivian, with Miss Carmen Bolivian; the Minister of Sweden and Mme. Wallenberg and Miss Ingegerd Wallenberg, and the charge d'affaires of Panama, Mr. Lefevre, with Miss Ramona Lefevre. Miss Lefevre wore a white frock, and had on an unusual pearl necklace, which she frequently wears in her hair.

The former Secretary of Agriculture and Mrs. Meredith, who came with Judge and Mrs. C. McChord, held a reception of their own all evening. Others in their party were Mrs. Frederick Owen Bohen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Meredith; her guest, Miss Elsie Slutz, and Mr. and Mrs. George Mesta. Mrs. Meredith wore a lovely gown of tangerine velvet, with the entire front of the bodice fashioned of opalescent paillettes. Mrs. Mesta was in cloth of silver, and Mrs. McChord wore a sequined gown.

PRINCESS CANTACUZENE held court in the blue room. She had on a lovely sequined gown, with lovely jewels and in her hair a graceful ornament of gourrah held by a crescent of diamonds. Her slim young daughter, Princess Bertha Cantacuzene, wore white, so popular with young girls this season. Prince Michael Cantacuzene and Mrs. Frederick Dent Grant were in their little party.

Mrs. Nicholas Longworth wore a gown of purple and gold brocade, simply made, and had on a long chain of uncut amethysts and crystals. Miss Laura Harlan had on a gown of black satin and lace, with a girde and sash of silver cloth. One of the most striking figures at the reception, however, was Mrs. E. W. Cole, of Tennessee, who always wears white. Her gown last evening was trimmed in green and she wore magnificent emeralds. Her hair is snowy white and she wore a scarf of tulle swathed about her head and throat.

Others noted in the distinguished company were the Speaker of the House and Mrs. Gillett, the latter wearing a graceful gown of purple satin and a diamond tiara; Judge and Mrs. Harry Cowington; Mrs. Charles Boughton Wood; Mrs. William Littauer and Miss Louise Littauer; Miss Sarah Lee, the Misses Cullen, Miss Alice Shepard, Mrs. Buchanan Merryman, Mrs. William Barrett Ridgely, Henry E. Day's and his sister, Miss Josephine Davis; Judge and Mrs. Charles B. Howry, Judge

Martin Knapp, Major General and Mrs. John A. Lejeune, Rear Admiral and Mrs. Robert Counts, Mr. and Mrs. Watson Clarke, Miss Allen Moran, Parker Gilbert, Undersecretary of the Treasury; Mr. and Mrs. J. Paul Yoder, Miss Natalie Magruder, Commander and Mrs. John Holmes Magruder, and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Briggs.

To Receive Minister. President Harding will receive the Minister of Czechoslovakia, Dr. Bedrich Stepanek, at the White House this afternoon. He is calling to present an album of pictures for Czechoslovak Sokol societies.

Sir Robert Borden has gone to Pinehurst, N. C., for a brief visit and is staying at the Carolina Hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. Brant Elliott are receiving congratulations upon the birth of a daughter on Wednesday, January 25. The little girl will be called Carrie Paul Elliott. Mrs. Elliott is the daughter of the Secretary of the Interior and Mrs. Fall.

Miss Ruth Wallace, daughter of the Secretary of Agriculture and Mrs. Wallace, is home for a visit from Goucher College. She will return early next week.

Mrs. Herbert Hoover, wife of the Secretary of Commerce, who is now in Savannah attending a meeting of the national council of the Girl Scouts, will return home early next week. Mrs. Hoover was elected national Girl Scout commissioner.

Diplomatic At-Homes. Mme. de Mathieu, wife of the Chilean ambassador, will be at home this afternoon after 4:30 o'clock for the last time this season.

Mme. Alfred Sze, wife of the minister of China, who will receive this afternoon, will have assisting her Mrs. Robert Woods Bliss, Mrs. Wallace Radcliffe, Mrs. Ross Thompson, Mrs. Hamilton Wright, Mrs. Arthur Bullard and Mrs. William Eric Fowler.

Mme. Bryn, wife of the minister of Norway, who will also be at home this afternoon, will be assisted by Mme. Kwapiszewski, wife of the counselor of the legation of Norway, and Miss Inger Bryn.

Mme. Grouitch, wife of the minister of Serbia, will be at home this afternoon. Receiving with her will be Mrs. Ralston Holmes and Mrs. Goring Bliss.

The Minister and Mrs. Grouitch will entertain at dinner next Monday evening in compliment to the former Secretary of Agriculture and Mrs. Edwin T. Meredith.

Mme. Varela, wife of the minister of Uruguay, will be at home today from 4:30 to 6:00 o'clock at her home, 1616 Twenty-second street.

Miss Stepanek, sister of the Minister of Czechoslovakia, will not be at home tomorrow.

Senator and Mrs. Arthur Capper will entertain at dinner this evening in compliment to the former Secretary (Continued on Page 21.)

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